

FIRST READERS IN HOUSE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016
TENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

[HB 716.](#)

By Representatives Waites of the 60th, Jones of the 53rd, Gardner of the 57th, Kendrick of the 93rd, Mitchell of the 88th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 39 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to minors, so as to provide for findings; to provide that a person licensed to provide professional counseling under Title 43 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, including but not limited to psychiatrists, psychologists, professional counselors, social workers, marriage and family therapists, or certain other persons, shall not engage in sexual orientation change efforts with a person under 18 years of age; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

[HB 828.](#)

By Representatives Fludd of the 64th, Hawkins of the 27th, Mosby of the 83rd, Buckner of the 137th, and Greene of the 151st:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 2 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the imposition, rate, and computation of and exemptions from state income taxes, so as to create an income tax credit for employers who hire certain qualified parolees for full-time jobs; to provide for rules and regulations and an application process related to such income tax credit; to provide for certain conditions and limitations; to provide for definitions; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 829.](#)

By Representatives Sharper of the 177th, Dawkins-Haigler of the 91st, Bentley of the 139th, and Scott of the 76th:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Subpart 2 of Part 1 of Article 16 of Chapter 2 of Title 20 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to compulsory attendance, so as to require that the whereabouts of a student are investigated when such student's whereabouts become unknown following a change of classes; to provide for policy promulgation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on EDUCATION

[HB 830.](#)

By Representatives Glanton of the 75th, Douglas of the 78th, Scott of the 76th, Mabra of the 63rd, Stovall of the 74th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to conditionally repeal an Act providing for homestead exemptions from ad valorem taxes for city purposes for residents of the City of Jonesboro, approved May 14, 2002 (Ga. L. 2002, p. 5845), and to enact a new provision; to restate the amount of the homestead exemption for the assessed value of the homestead for residents of that city; to provide for definitions; to specify the terms and conditions of the exemption and the procedures relating thereto; to provide for applicability; to provide for a referendum, effective dates, specific conditional repeal, and automatic repeal; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on INTRAGOVERNMENTAL COORDINATION -
LOCAL

[HB 831.](#)

By Representatives Smyre of the 135th, Scott of the 76th, Hitchens of the 161st, Smith of the 134th, Abrams of the 89th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Part 4 of Article 3 of Chapter 2 of Title 38 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to rights, privileges, and prohibitions for certain military personnel, so as to require that private employers reemploy certain members of any reserve component of the armed forces of the United States who have been discharged or suspended from employment by his or her employer due to being called into active state service; to provide a short title; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS

[HB 832.](#)

By Representatives Turner of the 21st, Pezold of the 133rd, Spencer of the 180th, Clark of the 147th, Caldwell of the 20th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 9-16-15 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to stay of civil forfeiture proceedings during pendency of criminal proceedings, so as to require the conclusion of criminal proceedings prior to civil forfeiture proceedings; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HB 833.](#)

By Representatives Mitchell of the 88th, Bryant of the 162nd, Fludd of the 64th, Jordan of the 77th, Scott of the 76th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Chapter 16 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the tax amnesty program, so as to provide for additional waiver periods; to provide for new duration and applicability periods; to clarify when certain periods of time apply; to update legislative findings; to provide a definition; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 834.](#)

By Representatives Hawkins of the 27th, Rogers of the 29th, Stephens of the 164th, Smith of the 134th, Cooper of the 43rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 31 and Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to health and revenue and taxation, respectively, so as to establish charity care organizations to provide health care services to the uninsured in this state; to provide for definitions; to provide for tax credits for contributions to charity care organizations; to provide for the amount, nature, limits, and procedures for such tax credits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 835.](#)

By Representatives Rogers of the 29th, Ehrhart of the 36th, Williams of the 119th, Kelley of the 16th, Mabra of the 63rd, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to tax returns and furnishing of information, so as to authorize Georgia taxpayers to make certain voluntary contributions through the income

tax payment and refund process to a Georgia Higher Education Savings Plan; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 836.](#)

By Representatives Carter of the 175th, Cheokas of the 138th, Abrams of the 89th, Knight of the 130th, Williams of the 119th, and others:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Code Section 48-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions from sales and use tax, so as to provide a new exemption from state sales and use tax for a limited period of time regarding property used in renovation and rehabilitation of affordable housing; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on WAYS & MEANS

[HB 837.](#)

By Representatives Setzler of the 35th, Fleming of the 121st, Teasley of the 37th, and Ramsey of the 72nd:

A BILL to be entitled an Act to amend Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state government, so as to provide for the preservation of religious freedom; to provide for the granting of relief; to provide for waiver of sovereign immunity under certain circumstances; to provide for definitions; to provide for a short title; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date and applicability; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HR 1136.](#)

By Representatives Efstration of the 104th, Pak of the 108th, and Caldwell of the 20th:

A RESOLUTION requesting that the United States Congress call a convention under Article V of the Constitution of the United States limited to proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY

[HR 1159.](#)

By Representatives Jones of the 62nd, Pezold of the 133rd, and Spencer of the 180th:

A RESOLUTION proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to provide that members of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall serve staggered, four-year terms of office; to provide that members of the House of Representatives and the Senate shall be limited to serving three consecutive terms of office; to provide that terms of office in one house shall not apply to service in the other house; to provide that a member can be eligible to serve again after at least one year out of office; to provide for related matters; to provide for submission of this amendment for ratification or rejection; and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on JUDICIARY